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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America has traditionally derived its greatest strength and guidance from steadfast reliance on its spiritual values; and

WHEREAS, endowed with this enduring heritage, Americans offer thanks to Almighty God from their deep conviction that religion is the source of their principles of freedom; and

WHEREAS, we give thanks for our free Republic, where the rights and liberties of every individual are held sacred; and

WHEREAS, turning more and more to our houses of worship, we find new strength through the inspiration and guidance to be found only in religion; and

WHEREAS, the freedoms of this nation are safeguarded as the gift of God Himself, no matter by which creed we worship Him; and

WHEREAS, with our great history of spiritual strength, we stand before the world as a people united in a way of life dedicated to faith in our Creator; and

WHEREAS, to reaffirm that faith, the non-sectarian program known as RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE has designated the month of November as a period of special emphasis on the value of religion in personal, community and national life. It seeks to encourage all Americans to attend regularly the church or synagogue of their choice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim the month of November, 1964, as

RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE MONTH

in the State of South Dakota and I urge that regular family attendance in a house of worship be an essential part of this movement during November and in the months to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 30th day of October, 1964.

ATTEST:

..... Sigurd Anderson, .....  
Governor

..... Geraldine A. Street, .....  
Secretary of State